



# SHINE newsletter

Let your light shine

## Headteacher Update

Today, I had the pleasure of meeting with our newly trained Mental Health Student Ambassadors to congratulate them on their achievement and thank them for taking on this important leadership role within our school community. Selected through a rigorous application and interview process, our ambassadors will work alongside the Greater Manchester Mental Health Support Team (MHST) to promote positive mental health and wellbeing across the school. They will help organise wellbeing activities, contribute to assemblies, gather student feedback and encourage open conversations about mental health.

A special thank you to Mr Guest for coordinating this programme and supporting our students throughout their training. We are incredibly proud of our ambassadors and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on the wellbeing of our school community this year.

This week, we have been preparing for our Shine Achievement Assemblies, which will take place next week. Each subject area has been asked to nominate two students who have excelled in their subject this half term through their hard work, commitment and achievement. It has been a pleasure to hear about the many successes of our students and the positive impact they are making both in and out of the classroom. The assemblies provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate these achievements as a whole school community and recognise the dedication, resilience and excellence demonstrated by our students every day. We look forward to sharing and celebrating their success next week.

Today we have proudly supported Show Racism the Red Card, with staff and students wearing red and coming together to reinforce the important message that racism has no place in our school or wider community. Seeing our school value of Respect demonstrated so clearly by our students and staff was a particularly proud moment.

As well as taking part in Show Racism the Red Card, our Year 8 students enjoyed an engaging and informative BeSafeBeCool Day today. BeSafeBeCool is a long-established Bury initiative, delivered in partnership with organisations including Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service and other local agencies, designed to help young people make informed decisions and stay safe in their communities. Through a series of workshops and interactive sessions, students explored important topics such as personal safety, healthy relationships, crime prevention, anti-social behaviour and making positive life choices.

My sincere thanks go to all the visiting organisations and colleagues who gave their time, expertise and enthusiasm to make the day such a success. A special thank you to Mrs Shelmerdine for coordinating and organising this important event, which provided our Year 8 students with invaluable learning experiences and reinforced key messages around personal safety, responsibility and resilience.

Today, I was also contacted by the Bury Times to provide a quote for an upcoming article highlighting our recent examination results. It is a privilege to be able to share the school's successes and reflect on the hard work, dedication and achievements of our students and staff. We are incredibly proud to see the success of our school community being recognised and celebrated beyond the school gates, and we look forward to sharing the article with you once it is published.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

S. Wrigley

## Upcoming events

**16<sup>th</sup> October** – B Safe Project  
**21<sup>st</sup> October** – Year 11 Group Photo  
**23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Non-Uniform day & Year 11 Geography Field Trip - Blackpool  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 11 Mock Exams  
**30<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 7 and 8 Assessment Week  
**7<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 9 Assessment Week  
**18<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 10 Assessment Week

## Transport Buses 2026-2027

Please find a link below to our website to view the new school bus timetables from September 2026

[Bury CE High School - Transport & Buses](#)

## Visit our Instagram page

Our Instagram page is full of Bury Church updates and photos of students enjoying our wonderful curriculum. Please follow us!

## Online safety

To help keep your child safe online, please follow the guidance and helpful tips for parents and carers shared by the school.

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf>

## Book of the week

**Dead Straight Line**  
By Malcolm Duffy

Dead Straight Line is a perfectly pitched and unerringly relevant story for 12+ year olds that explores trust and responsibility. The game 16-year-old Rory concocts is as enticing in the story as it is thought-provoking in real life.

But what Rory cannot foresee is how it will change his world and wreck his friend Eliot's life.



### **PSHCE Update – The week ahead**

- **Year 7:** Pupils will complete the Greater Manchester #BeeWell Survey, sharing their views and experiences of wellbeing, alongside their End of Unit Assessment.
- **Year 8:** Pupils will complete an internal wellbeing survey, providing valuable insight into this cohort's experiences. They will also complete their End of Unit Assessment and provide feedback on the BSafeBCool event.
- **Year 9:** Pupils will complete the Greater Manchester #BeeWell Survey, helping us understand young people's wellbeing, alongside their End of Unit Assessment.
- **Year 10:** Pupils will participate in the Greater Manchester #BeeWell Survey and complete their End of Unit Assessment, demonstrating their learning this half-term.
- **Year 11:** Pupils will explore breast and testicular cancer awareness, learning how to carry out self-examinations, recognise potential warning signs and seek medical advice. These important lessons will be delivered in separate boys' and girls' groups.



### **Year 9 Cup vs St Phillips**

Year 9 made a great start at home in their quest to regain the trophy they won in Year 8 with a 10-3 victory over Phillips High School. The team welcomed the return of Isaac Tench who contributed an outstanding 5 goals! The match was played in great spirit, drawing applause from spectators of both sides at the final whistle. Next - A & B fixtures at home next week against Derby High School!

Many thanks to Mr Duffin and Mr Harland for taking the team.

### **Year 10 Boys Football Central Venue League on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at Derby**

Well done to the Year 10 Boys Football team who played in their final round of games in the central venue league at Derby.

In the first game, Bury Church lost 1-0 to St Gabs in a very close game.

In the second game, Bury Church beat Derby 2-0.

In the final game, Bury Church then came from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 with the Heys school.

It was an excellent night of Football.

Player of the night was Tresor S who was fantastic in all the games and scored 2 goals.

Many thanks to Mr Keenan for taking the team.

### **Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Football Competition**

Well done to the Year 7 and Year 8 Girls who played in the Girls Football competition at Unsworth Academy on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. All the students who played from Bury Church were excellent and displayed fantastic attitudes.

Players of the match from Bury Church were Eva T-P in Year 8 and Ava-Rose C in Year 7.

Many thanks to Mrs Toto for taking the team.



### **Year 11 – Future Pathways**

This week, Year 11 students welcomed representatives from Bury College and Bolton Sixth Form College into school to deliver presentations about the courses available after Year 11.

These visits form part of our Future Pathways programme, helping students explore their post-16 options and make informed decisions about their next steps. We encourage students to discuss these opportunities with their families and attend college open events to find out more.

Thank you to both colleges for supporting our students as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

### **Year 8 – BeSafe, BeCool**

On Friday 16 October, Year 8 students took part in our BeSafe, BeCool PSHCE day, designed to help them make safe, responsible choices in school and the wider community.

The day opened with Councillor Charlotte Hunt, followed by a drama performance by Bury College. Students then participated in workshops exploring crime and anti-social behaviour, healthy relationships with the Youth Service, and safer travel with Transport for Greater Manchester. The programme also included a presentation from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service and a teacher-led 'Knife is a Life' session exploring the dangers and consequences of knife crime.

Thank you to all the visiting organisations and staff who supported the day and helped strengthen students' understanding of personal safety, positive relationships and responsibility.



### **Harvest Festival – Gigg Lane Foodbank Collection**

A kind reminder that we are collecting donations for Gigg Lane Food Bank as part of our Harvest Festival. Please bring donations into school next week to help support individuals and families in our local community.

Donations of unopened, in-date, non-perishable food, such as tinned goods, pasta, rice and cereals, would be greatly appreciated, alongside essential toiletries. Every contribution, however small, will help us put our Christian values into action and show care for others. Thank you for your generosity and support.

### **Non-Uniform Day – Friday 23 October**

On Friday 23 October, we will be holding a whole-school non-uniform day. Students are invited to come to school in their own clothes. We ask that clothing is appropriate for the school environment.

Please see the poster for further guidance.

